# Grit Fund Project Grants 2024: Plain Text Application

This document is a plain text version of our 2024 application. It can be used as a reference document to help prepare project proposals. For more information about the Grit Fund, please visit: [www.gritfund.org](http://www.gritfund.org)

## Guidelines:

Grit Fund supports projects that add to the vibrancy and development of Baltimore’s arts and culture. Grit Fund awards money to collaborative, artist-led projects—up to $10,000. We accept proposals that use the visual arts to create collaborative public-facing projects.

Artists and cultural organizers create vital connections within our communities. But it can be difficult to find funding to create, collaborate, and make an impact. Grit Fund makes arts funding accessible for everyone. We focus on projects that bring artists and community members together to explore a sense of place and shared space.

### Grit Fund eligibility requirements

* Only Baltimore City and County-based artists and organizers are eligible.
* You must be independent (or unincorporated). In other words, you can’t be registered as a business or organization.
* Your project must take place in Baltimore City or County and be accessible to the general public.

We support all kinds of visual-arts-based projects at any stage of development. Innovative ideas are welcome. These are the types of projects we’ve supported in the past:

* Exhibitions
* Publications
* Public events
* Public art installations
* Film screenings
* Festivals
* Founding a new arts venue or collective
* The ongoing work of an existing arts venue or collective

## Program Timeline

* Application Open: January 15, 2024 – April 15, 2024
* Application Review & Deliberation: May 2024
* Grantee & Juror Announcement: June 2024
* Grant Cycle: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

## Before Submitting Your Proposal Please:

* Read the mission and core values of the Grit Fund <https://www.gritfund.org/about/>
* Review past projects to see examples of what’s been funded <https://www.gritfund.org/grantees/>
* Consider viewing one of our three information sessions. Visit our website for more information. <https://www.gritfund.org/grit-fund-project-grants/>

## How to Apply

1. Make a profile on the Submittable website. Only the "lead" applicant needs to make a profile.

<https://gritfund.submittable.com/signup>

1. Go to our Grit Fund Page select Grit Fund Project Grant. Complete one application per project.

<https://gritfund.submittable.com/submit>

* 1. Project Timeline
     1. You can find a sample timeline in our application tool kit, online at <https://www.gritfund.org/2023-grit-fund-project-grants/#toolkit>
     2. The sample timeline is meant to be a guide, you do not need to use this exact format.
  2. Project Budget
     1. You need to use our budget template provided online at <https://www.gritfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/GF_2022_BudgetTemplate.xlsx>
  3. Supporting Media-Maximum file upload 7
     1. Please upload any media relevant to your project proposal. Supporting media should be used to provide context for your work, as it can help our jurors understand more about your process. You may submit documentation of past (present, and future) projects that demonstrate your ability to actualize your proposal. You may submit a combination of images and/or up to 5 minutes of audio/video.
  4. Supporting Media Inventory
     1. This is a one-page document that briefly describes the media you have submitted in support of your project.
  5. **Please Note: All above documents should be uploaded with your application in Submittable**

## Questions, Accommodations, or Comments?

Please reach out! Our email is [gritfund@thepealecenter.org](mailto:gritfund@thepealecenter.org)

## Profile Information for Lead Applicant

* Name:
* Email:
* Age:
* Street Address:
* Racial identity (African American or Black, Native American or Indigenous, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White, Hispanic or Latinx, Multi-Racial, prefer not to respond):
* Gender identity (Man, Non-Binary / Genderqueer / Gender Fluid, Transgender Woman / Trans Feminine, Transgender Man / Trans Masculine, Two Spirit, Woman, prefer to self-describe, prefer not to respond):
* Sexual orientation (Asexual, Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Queer, Straight, prefer to self-describe, prefer not to respond):
* Do you identify as disabled?

## Project Narrative:

Title: Enter a title for your project proposal

Lead Applicant: Please enter the name & preferred pronouns of the lead applicant. This person will be the main point of contact for the project. Ex. Patrice Williams, she/her/they/them.

Collaborator(s): Word limit- 300 words

Please list the names and preferred pronouns of your key collaborator(s). These are thought partners, and are part of the planning and/or execution of your project/event/initiative, etc. Ex. Angel Gutierrez, he/him/they/them.

Lead Applicant & Collaborator Bio(s):

If you are applying as a collective you may choose to submit one bio for the group, or several individual bios.

Project Narrative:

* Describe your project/event/initiative… Word limit - 1500 words
  + Where is it taking place? (You do not have to have a location secured).
  + Describe your relationship with your collaborators.
  + Currently, what is the intended outcome for your project? (We acknowledge that collaborative arts projects are always evolving.)
* How will this project engage the community you are trying to reach? Word limit - 1000 words
  + Describe your audience…
  + Please share details about the public facing component of your project.
* Why is this an important moment for your project to receive support from the Grit Fund? Word limit - 500 words

The following documents must be uploaded with you application

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Maximum file upload: 7

Social Media or Website Links:

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